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SUBJ: REACTION TO SENATE VOTE ON BYRD PROVISION REPEAL

REF: STATE 249329#

1. SENATE VOTE RECEIVED LOW-KEY, STRAIGHTFORWARD COVERAGE BY SOUTH AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS ON 19 AND 20 DECEMBER. THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT. VALUE OF US-RHODESIAN TRADE UNDER BYRD AMENDMENT VARIOUSLY REPORTED AT DOLS 20-26 MILLION (US). VOTE SEEN AS PERSONAL TRIUMPH FOR SENATORS HUMPHREY AND MCGEE AND AS REFLECTION OF "SURPRISING AMOUNT OF ARM-TWISTING BY THE NIXON WHITE HOUSE" IN CONTRADICTION TO PREVIOUS NEUTRAL STANCE ON QUESTION.

2. RHODESIAN HEARALD REPORTED SENATE REPEAL VOTE IN SHORT FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE DECEMBER 19, FOLLOWED BY TWO SMALL ARTICLES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT DECEMBER 20. ONE ARTICLE STATED REPEAL WOULD MEAN LOSS U.S. DOLLAR EARNINGS BUT HIGH QUALITY AND LOW PRICE OF RHODESIAN CHROME WOULD ENSURE EXPORTS TO U.S. THROUGH "MIDDLEMEN", AS DURING PRE-BYRD AMENDMENT PERIOD. SECOND UNCLASSIFIED

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ARTICLE REPORTS BRITISH GOVERNMENT SATISFACTION WITH SENATE

VOTE. EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON IRONY OF U.S. TRADE BOYCOTT AT
TIME WHEN U.S. ITSELF FACES ARAB OIL BOYCOTT.

3. EMBASSY AND CONSULATES HAVE RECEIVED NEITHER OFFICIAL
NOR PRIVATE INQUIRIES OR REACTION TO SENATE VOTE.
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